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Cynthia Kane
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital
365 Montauk Avenue
New London, CT 06320

RE: CON Determination 05-30594-DTR
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital
Request to Temporarily Relocate Mobile PET Scanning Service

Dear Ms. Kane:

On October 3, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received the Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination form to request temporary relocation of Lawrence & Memorial Hospital's mobile Positron Emission Tomography ("PET") scanning service to the Pequot Health Center campus in Groton, at no associated capital expenditure.

OHCA has reviewed the information contained in your request and makes the following findings:

1. Lawrence & Memorial Hospital ("Hospital"), located at 365 Montauk Avenue, New London, Connecticut, proposes to temporarily relocate its mobile PET scanning service from its campus in New London to the Pequot Health Center at 52 Hazelnut Hill Road in Groton.
2. Under Docket 005-30482-WVR, OHCA authorized the Hospital to replace its existing Computed Tomography ("CT") scanner with a new multi-detector 16-Slice CT scanner, manufactured by GE Medical Systems.
3. Under Docket 01-565, OHCA authorized the Hospital to provide mobile PET scanning service. Alliance Imaging, Inc. provides the mobile PET scanning service on the Hospital's campus at 365 Montauk Avenue, New London, Connecticut.
4. During installation of the new CT equipment, the Hospital will need to use its single mobile pad for mobile CT technology to ensure that CT services are not interrupted during the installation process.

5. While the mobile CT scanner is occupying the Hospital's single mobile pad, the Hospital's mobile PET scanning service must be relocated to an alternate site.
6. The Hospital proposes to temporarily relocate the PET scanning services to the Pequot Health Center in Groton for approximately eight weeks.
7. The Hospital offers the PET scanning services on an outpatient basis. Its relocation to Groton would not be an inconvenience for the patients.
8. There is no associated capital expenditure with the proposal.

Based on the above findings, and pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes, OHCA has determined that CON approval is not required for Lawrence & Memorial Hospital to temporarily relocate its PET service to the Pequot Health Center at 52 Hazelnut Hill Road in Groton until the new CT equipment at the Hospital's campus in New London is operational.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact Laurie Greci, Associate Research Analyst, at (860) 418-7032.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

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